

CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD – Development Officer

If you are passionate about supporting local volunteers, and have strong experience in training and networking in the charitable sector, this could be your perfect job! The deadline to apply is 2 October 2020 and the start date is January 2021. For the Job Description and full details of this significant new role, which will help enhance our Gospel mandate to serve and recognise Christ in the poor, and in those on the edges. Please visit: www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/developmentofficer/

LOURDES IN YOUR LIVING ROOM

Someone who watched last week's pilgrimage said, "I feel like I have been in Lourdes for the last five days. Thank you. I even bought croissants for breakfast!". For pilgrims of all ages the week had a great impact, and if you have missed it, or want to watch and pray again, it is all on YouTube – turn a Staycation into a pilgrimage! You'll find everything at www.youtube.com/c/brentwoodcys. If you have comments or questions, simply email info@bcys.net or phone 01277-373959. The 18 hour challenge has so far raised over £5,250, to be split between Cafod and the BCYS. Congratulations to all who took part, and thank you to everyone who has donated. More details www.bcys.net

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Mary Brennan, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Compton Glasgow, Eddie Margot, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Sue Read, Rose Sheridan, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those who have died recently . . .

Father Tom Jordan died peacefully on Wednesday, at the Presbytery in Romford; many of you will know that he had been ill for several years. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 19 August. Please note that, due to COVID restrictions, attendance will be limited to just family and some priest friends.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

15-21 Aug: Tommy Lyons, Maria Pilar Almaluez, Albert Hickey, Hetty Fortkamp, Anne Wotherspoon and Thomas Kelly.

CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

This week, the light in honour of Our Lady is for the intentions of the donor.

A number of people have 'planned ahead' and booked dates for 2021; envelopes are available in the porch if you would like to be sure of a particular week next year.



MASS INTENTIONS

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday 15 August : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community
Sunday 16 Aug : 9.00 am Johnny McCarthy RIP (Barnes)
11.30 am Don Philliston RIP (SVP)
Monday 17 Aug : 9.00 am Peggy McGeary RIP (McGeary family)
Tuesday 18 Aug : 9.00 am Fr Stephen Foster RIP (PACT Nottingham)
Wednesday 19 Aug : 9.00 am Terry Cason RIP (Smith)
Thursday 20 Aug : 9.00 am Oliver Paul RIP (Paul family)
Friday 21 Aug : 9.00 am Thanksgiving (Lorna Vettath)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 22 Aug : 6.30 pm Lilah Forster RIP (Hatch)
Sunday 23 Aug : 9.00 am Teresa Lee Smith RIP (R Smith)
11.30 am Winifred Long RIP (Long family)

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
15-16 August 2020



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicolliarrow.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday : 6.30 pm, Sunday : 9.00 am and 11.30 am

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am

MORNING PRAYER

Monday to Friday : 8.45 am

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Friday : 7.30 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday : 5.30 – 6.30 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday : 6.00-6.30 pm

or any other time on request

The church is open at the following times:

Monday to Saturday

9.00 am to 12 noon and 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm

PLACES OF WORSHIP AND COVID

By now you will know that the Government has issued further instructions to places of worship:

Face masks or coverings must be worn in all places where members of the public mix, including places of worship. So please, wear a face covering from when you arrive for Mass until you have left the building. You will need to lower, unloop or remove the covering briefly when receiving Communion. We have a small supply of disposable masks for anyone that forgets.

When chatting with people from outside your household (or bubble), before or after Mass, **you really must maintain social distancing**. If you are wearing a mask this means a minimum of one metre distance. If you are not wearing a mask: two metres distance is essential (that's over 6 feet).

FATHER TOM JORDAN RIP

After 31 years as a priest of Brentwood Diocese, serving in Grays, Leigh on Sea, Basildon and Romford, Father Tom sadly passed away on Wednesday 5 August.

There will be an opportunity for people to come to the Catholic Church of St Edward the Confessor for a time of prayer between 6pm and 9pm on Tuesday 18 August.

His funeral will take place at 11 am on Wednesday 19 August; however due to Covid-19 restrictions this is by invitation only. The Funeral Mass will be livestreamed.

Following the Mass, everyone is warmly invited to line Park End Road as the cortege leaves the church at 12.30pm. Full information, including the link to the Mass, is at www.stedwards-romford.org.uk



“Mary remains ever the path that leads to Christ. Every encounter with her can only result in an encounter with Christ himself” - St Paul VI

PARISH OFFERINGS

Your offerings last weekend came to: £578.88 (of which £338.84 was gifted aided). Standing Orders last month amounted to £2986.75. Thank you for your continued support.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Annabel Maria Barticel into God’s family, the Church. May she and her family grow in the knowledge and love of God within our community of faith.

CHURCH CAR PARK

During the school holiday the church car park will be open for use for those coming to weekday Mass. However, because of anti-social behaviour there during the past few months, the car park will be closed for the rest of the day. It will be open for weekend Masses as usual.

REPOSITORY

The Repository is being kept closed at present. If there is something you need, please ask and it will be opened for you.

KEEPING THE CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Thanks to our team of ‘church stewards’ we are able to have the church open during the day for private prayer; we are required to have two stewards on duty all the time we are open. If you are in the area, do take the opportunity to pay a visit and spend some time in the peace and tranquillity of our church. If the opening times are not convenient, it may be possible to open the church for you at another time of day – please ‘phone Father Philip to see if this can be arranged.

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

Do Catholics have to go to Mass on Sunday? In ordinary times, the answer would be: yes, we are obliged to keep the Sabbath holy by participating in Sunday Mass. However, during this health crisis the obligation has been lifted. So, you might like to consider coming to a weekday Mass instead – a quieter celebration that allows for ample social distancing.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St John Eudes** – this French priest was the one who, about 300 years ago, was the first to spread ‘official’ devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Bernard** – a founder of the great Cistercian order of monks. His writings include important passages about Our Lady. It may have been St Bernard who wrote the *Memorare* and the hymns *Jerusalem the golden* and *Daily, daily, sing to Mary*.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Pius X** - pope at the beginning of the twentieth century; faced with many issues that he felt were threatening the Church, he was led to publish the encyclical *Lamentabili* – a condemnation of Modernism. He is also credited with an attempt to stem the huge numbers lapsing from the Faith. He encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion and, in 1907, allowed First Holy Communion before Confirmation (changing what had been the custom and practice for nineteen centuries). Sadly, in much of the world, his experiment has not been successful. His sincere hope had been that all children would want to continue to receive the Lord in the Eucharist; for the vast majority they (or their families) do not. Pius also insisted on the importance of priests celebrating the ‘proper’ Sunday Mass (until then they could say any Mass – many simply memorised a favourite Mass and celebrated it week in, week out). So he was responsible for restoring ‘Ordinary Time’ with its readings and prayers; in art he is often depicted wearing green (Ordinary Time) vestments, giving Communion to a small child.

extract from **Pope Francis**, *Angelus Address*, St Peter’s Square, 15 August 2019

The feast of the Assumption of Mary is a call to each of us, especially those who are afflicted by doubt and sadness, and live with their gaze turned down, unable to raise their glance. Let us look up. Heaven is open. It does not inculcate fear. It is no longer distant because on the threshold of Heaven, a mother, our mother, is awaiting us. She loves us, she smiles at us and she thoughtfully assists us. Like every mother she wants the

best for her children and she says to us: “You are precious in God’s eyes; you were not made for the small satisfactions of the world, but rather for the great joy of heaven”. Yes because God is joy, not boredom. God is joy. Let us allow Our Lady to take us by the hand. Each time that we hold the Rosary in our hands and pray to her, we are taking a step forward, towards the great destination of life.

Let us allow ourselves to be attracted by true beauty. Let us not be befuddled by the trivialities of life, but rather let us choose the greatness of Heaven. May the Holy Virgin, Gate of Heaven, help us daily to trustfully and joyfully look to where our true home is, where she is awaiting us like a mother.

REVISED TEMPORARY MINISTRY ROTA

	Readers	Communion Minister
15-16 August		
6.30 pm	Connor Furniaux Sue Butcher	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	Mary Brennan Charles Gallen	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	Nuala Doherty Stephen Doherty	Margaret Moffat
22-23 August		
6.30 pm	Mary O’Driscoll Vanessa Thompson	David Elliott
9.00 am	Lisa Walker Maria Green	Linda Withers
11.30 am	Attracta Caulfield-Ross Catharine Welcome	John McKie
29-30 August		
6.30 pm	Jean Capps Frank Smith	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	Aimee Peters Pat Pridham	Tricia Rogan
11.30 am	Susan Smithson Onyema Agbebi	Victoria Cassettari
5-6 September		
6.30 pm	Kim Pritchard Doug Mongan	Carmelina Fulton
9.00 am	Lorna Lyons Ken Hay	Katie Fernandes
11.30 am	Michael Chadwick Triston Osuji	Catherine Burnett
12-13 September		
6.30 pm	Nicola Charles Sophie Pritchard	Gail Furniaux
9.00 am	Alex Hinton Eileen Jonas	Alison Greene
11.30 am	Terence Osuji Shirley Hay	Michaela Henkel
19-20 September		
6.30 pm	Eileen Rogan-Hill Margaret Smith	Henrietta Oppong
9.00 am	Roger King Wally Barnes	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	Les Hislop Carleen Heath	Alexandra Burt-Allen

With a more simplified liturgy due to restrictions currently in place each Mass requires just two Readers and one Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Hence the need for a revised, temporary rota, which will frequently be updated. You will find it on the website, in the ‘Rotas’ section.

Readers and Communion Ministers should come to the Sacristy to sign in.

Readers will need to collect a pair of disposable gloves from the Sacristy. They remove their face covering just before reading and replace it immediately afterwards.

The first Reader listed will be responsible for the First Reading and Psalm; the second Reader for the Second Reading and leading people in the Gospel Acclamation.

Communion Ministers will need to sanitise their hands just before distributing Holy Communion. Hand gel is available on the Credence Table.